March 5, 2021

CT State Legislators,

I am writing you concerning two bills that are being considered:

- 1. H.B. No. 6355 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING RISK PROTECTION ORDERS OR WARRANTS. (JUD)
- 2. H.B. No. 6491 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING NONLETHAL ELECTRONIC DEFENSE WEAPONS. (JUD)

The right of self-defense applies to all devices and weapons in common use. There is no reason why "stun guns" should be illegal. As a father of two young boys, my greatest fear is that my wife and I would be prevented from protecting our children. Every US citizen has the right to self-preservation and the protection of their loved ones, any and all measures to prevent legal and productive citizens from doing so makes the government an accomplice to violent crimes against the individual. The citizens put a lot of trust in our representatives, now it is time to trust your constituents and protect the rights of those citizens.

Do not make citizens choose between their civil liberties or mental health. OPPOSE Raised House Bill 6355 An Act Concerning Risk Protection Orders or Warrants. SUPPORT HB 6491 An Act Concerning Nonlethal Electronic Defense Weapons.

Sincerely,

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